

Application No. 10/531,086  
Amdt. dated 27 October 2009  
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### **REMARKS / ARGUMENTS**

In the above-identified Office Action the Examiner has rejected claims 1-4, 6-12, 15-19 and 34 under 35 U.S.C. section 112, second paragraph, as being incomplete for meeting essential steps. Applicant has amended Claim 1 so that it now deletes the groups which the Examiner indicates require further steps and has added them as new claims 35 and 35, specifically adding a conversion step to the claimed group. As such, Applicant believes that the claims are now acceptable under 35 U.S.C. section 112, second paragraph.

The Examiner has indicated claims appear to be free of the prior art of record and thus with the above amendments, Applicant believes the case to be patentable.

In view of the Examiner's statement, Applicant has reinstated claims 23 and 32-33 and believes that they are patentable as well.

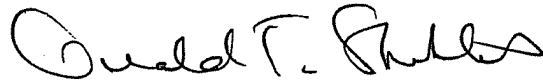
Applicant hereby requests reconsideration and reexamination thereof.

No further fee or petition is believed to be necessary. However, should any further fee be needed, please charge our Deposit Account No. 23-0920, and deem this paper to be the required petition.

With the above amendments and remarks, this application is considered ready for allowance and applicant earnestly solicits an early notice of same. Should the Examiner be of the opinion that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of the subject application, he/she is respectfully requested to call the undersigned at the below listed number.

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gerald T. Shekleton". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Gerald" being more prominent than the last name "Shekleton".

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